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Washington, D.C. 20535

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MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
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CASTAIC, CA 91384

FOIPA Request No.: 1398612-000
Subject: BYERS, LOUIS TEMPLE

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed are 4 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

Please be advised that additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your information needs for this request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail or fax to – Work Process Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosures

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

6/12/69

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, WFO
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (80-467)
SUBJECT: LOUIS BYERS *iso*
INFO CONCERNING
POLICE COOPERATION

LOUIS BYERS is National Organizer of National Youth Alliance (NYA) and maintains office at 821 Du Pont Circle Building, NW, Washington, D. C. He reportedly now lives in Cheverly, Maryland.

He formerly resided at 11 Duff Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. and reportedly was Coordinator of John Birch Society in Pittsburgh area.

NYCPD has requested any available background information concerning captioned subject.

WFO, Pittsburgh and Baltimore are requested to furnish NYO with information on BYERS available through indices search and/or local agency checks. All replies should be directed to the attention of Desk 43, NYO.

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Coordinator of the
John Birch Society

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SAC, NEW YORK (80-467)
(ATTENTION: DESK 43)

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SAC, PITTSBURGH (62-3328) (RUC)

LOUIS BYERS
INFORMATION CONCERNING
POLICE COOPERATION

Re New York airtel to Washington Field dated 6/12/69.'

The 10/17/66, issue of the "Tribune Review", a Greensburg, Pa., daily newspaper, contained an article captioned, "Keep Communists Off College Campuses", which set out that Communists do not have a right to freedom of speech in America, and quoted J. EDGAR HOOVER and Pope PIUS XI. This article originated with the Committee for National Survival and listed one LOUIS BYERS, 11 Duff Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., as Vice-Chairman of this committee.

The 7/19/65, issue of the "New Castle News", a New Castle, Pa., newspaper, on page 2 contained an article captioned, "John Birch Society Meets Here Wednesday", which set out in part that LOUIS BYERS of Pittsburgh, an area coordinator for the society, would speak at a closed meeting. It was expected that BYERS would show films of ROBERT WELCH, National Director, and explain the society.

It is noted that Pittsburgh is in possession of New York airtel to Bureau dated 5/20/69, New York file 157-3447, captioned, "National Youth Alliance (NYA), Racial Matters, OO: Washington Field" which contains information on LOUIS BYERS.

On 7/15/69, Officer [redacted] Police Department, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised he had no information identifiable with LOUIS BYERS. b6

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On 7/16/69, Officer [redacted] Police Department, Wilkensburg, Pa., advised he had no information identifiable with BYERS.

On 7/22/69, [redacted] Allegheny County Detective Bureau, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised she had no arrest record for BYERS.

On 7/22/69, [redacted] Credit Bureau, Inc., 415 Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, Pa., made available a report for LOUIS T. BYERS, [redacted] with an address of 11 Duff Road, Pittsburgh. A notation dated June, 1969, reflected that BYERS resided at 5457 Madison Way, Cheverly, Maryland. His employer was listed as the John Birch Society, and the report contained nothing unfavorable.